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THE BIBLE A LITERARY BOOK.

[Read by Rev. W. L. S. Murray, before Irving Lyceum, of Middletown, Del.]

The Bible is often spoken of as an ancient book, a mysterious book and a sacred book, but rarely as a literary book.

The Bible is consulted by infidels for disreputes, by the sorrowing for comfort, by the lost for salvation, by the parents, especially to her big brother. Every one who has had any experience with big brother knows that it is a great deal more difficult to court them than either the parents or the young lady. But the servant proved himself equal to the task; for he so managed the whole affair that in a short time the young lady was willing to mount a camel, leave father, mother and big brother all behind and take with the servant a ride of nearly a thousand miles.

If critics represent this celestial garden, with its tree of knowledge hung with the finest fruits and flowers of literature, as a wilderness, it is our duty to set aside such a representation and our privilege to invite those of literary taste to this "second Paradise," fair as the first and more secure, for where its fountains sparkled and its groves entwined their floral beauties there lurked the serpent to beguile.

But here no tempter lies in wait, no death bearing tree presents its fruit.

Sir Wm. Jones, the great master of oriental literature, has said: "I have regularly and attentively read The Holy Scriptures, and am of the opinion that this volume, independent of its divine origin, contains more sublimity and beauty, more pure morality, more independent history and finer strains of poetry and eloquence than can be collected from all other books, in what ever age or language they may have been composed."

To this might be added the opinion of Rosso, the great infidel of France: "I will confess to you that the majesty of the scriptures strike me with admiration as the purity of the Gospel has its influence on my heart. Peruse the works of all our philosophers, with all their pomp and diotion, how mean, how contemptible are they, compared with the scriptures."

See how this infidel admires the majesty of the scriptures and the purity of the Gospels. But it is the very struggle of the noble Othello.

"His heart relents but his hand is firm. He kisses the beautiful maiden before he would destroy her."

We find literary excellence in Bible histories. Strange place to look for it, say some. We feel sure the noted "Bob" would think so, from his idea of Moses.

Instead of seeing this valley of dry bones clothed with flesh and standing up an exceeding great army he would expect to see something like Irving's Iacob Crane, "who was tall but exceedingly lank, with narrow shoulders, long arms and legs, hands that dangle a mile out of his sleeves, feet that might have served for shovels, and his whole frame most loosely hung together. His head was small and flat at the top, with large ears and a snipe nose, so that it looked like a weather cock perched on his spindle neck to tell which way the wind blew. To see him striding along the profile of a hill on a windy day, with his clothes bagging and fluttering about him, one might have mistaken him for the genius of famine descending upon the earth, or some scare-crow eloped from a corn field."

Read the histories of the Bible. You will neither find a valley of dry bones nor an Iacob Crane. For the historians have breathed upon the dry bones and the world an exceeding great army. While we read, the world's "gray fathers" pass before us, and among them we behold, the Poet, the Prophet, the Physician, the Politician, the Prince and the Courier.

There is an awful grandeur around these men. They live as in the presence of God and depart into the unknown to be forever with the Lord.

Compare the Bible history of creation with that of the Koran. Mohammed says: "God created the earth in two days and he placed in the earth mountains, firmly rooted, rising above the same; and he blessed it and provided therein food of the creatures designed to be the inhabitants thereof in four days. Then he set his mind to the creation of the heavens; and it was smoke and he said unto it and unto the earth, come either obediently or against your will. They answered, we come."

How different from those steady steps of the historian in Genesis, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

The Bible contains the oldest history in the world and at the same time the most modern. It reaches back to the beginning and forward to the end. It describes what took place on that first day and declares what will come to pass on the last day.

We behold also literary excellence in this wonderful book, in the pen pictures it places before us of the Holy Land and its inhabitants. We are compelled to acknowledge that the "Hebrew Bards" have made the land of Palestine, in its geographical features, remarkable localities and inhabitants, much more familiar to the stranger than the "Grecian Bards" have the isles of the Aegean. There is one pen picture which at this time deserves especial notice. It is the courtship of Isaac and Rebekah—Isaac was about to be wed to her. So Abraham said, "I will choose a wife for my son." (Not the last father who has assumed the right to choose for his son.) He called his servant. They concluded that marriages were made in heaven, not in fine parlors, in elegant coaches, moonlight walks, nor even by hanging.

THE HASTY MARRIAGE.

BY MARIETTA HOLLEY.

"Will you, Ethel? It is only for a moment. Will you give me the sweet right to call you wife?"

So Ethel, impulsive, generous-hearted, and bound, as she thought, by the strong links of gratitude and pity, knelt by the dying man, and the words were spoken that made her a wife. The minister, a friend of the sick man, left the room, and she still knelt there; for the weak grasp of his hands held her.

Ethel Arnold was an orphan, but she had but little of the usual friendlessness and loneliness of that state, so guarded and blest had her life been, by the love and care of this dying man. He had been her father's ward, and so trusted and beloved by Mr. Arnold, that he had left her and her large property in the care and guardianship of Paul Lindsey. From that time, as child, girl, and woman, she had always looked up to him, as her dearest friend—her brother.

But not as a lover. No! her lover—the ideal, coming man, who was to glorify her life—was not at all like Paul Lindsey. He did not have that pleasant, thoughtful face, those tender, gray eyes, nor those straightforward, manly, honest ways. No, he resembled more a corsair. He was to be brilliant, dashing, rather gloomy; with dark secrets in his life, burdens of gloom, and grief, and, perhaps, remorse, which her love was to lighten. And he was to have errors, picturesque sins, which her silent example was to purify. He was to be something between Byron's "Lara" and an Italian brigand.

Ethel had read a great many novels, but the one to her was the most interesting, the most delightful, the most absorbing.

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peacefully over their bosoms, and let the waves of Time bear them on gently.

Gerald Black thought Ethel was the loveliest girl he had ever met. Perhaps her sweet, fair, innocent face was a welcome contrast to his own dark, haughty, and rather imperious countenance.

He thought, also, what a fine thing it would be, if he could have control of her wealth; for he thought she was very wealthy. Why, it would make it entirely unnecessary for him to work another day; and Gerald Black had a strong, constitutional aversion to labor. He would never be a bold, active villain. His badness would always show in a cowardly, deceitful manner.

He was not at all energetic, but he tried to ingratiate himself in Ethel's favor in every way he could, consistently with his natural constitution.

He flattered her, in a certain heavy, persistent way, that at first, was rather disagreeable to her; then, what proved more successful, he appealed to her pity. He had been unfortunate all his life; fate had been against him; he was her guardian, too, and she was more dependent on his guardianship than she knew. For, while she thought and everyone thought, she was the heiress of a handsome property, she was, in fact, absolutely penniless; for the bank in which her funds were placed by her father, had failed, soon after her father's death.

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To Correspondents.—Communications on topics of local interest are always welcome, but to insure insertion they must be brief and to the point. We do not hold ourselves responsible for the correctness of any article. Anonymous articles will receive no attention. Address all communications to the Proprietor.

THE COMET has had its photograph taken.

THE GRAND JURY at Albany has found an indictment against Secretary Sessions for bribery, and he has been held in \$3,000 bail.

CAPTAIN ROBERT HARDIE, said to be the last survivor of the Dartmoor prisoners, died on Tuesday in Baltimore. He was eighty-three years of age.

THE RUMOR that Jay Gould has bought the new comet, is a mistake. Dr. Gould, of Buenos Ayres, is the owner, and as it is the only comet he has, he doesn't care to sell.

ULYSSES THE HUMBUG starts out to announce that he will not be a candidate for the Presidential nomination in 1884. It seems to us we have heard an announcement or two like that before.

GRANT shook hands with the President at Long Branch on Saturday. Those who were present held their breath during the important ceremony, but nothing unusual happened. The world moved right along as before.

A PAMPHLET COPY of "Take The Sunny Side," an address recently delivered by the Alumni Association of Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa., by A. K. McClure, Esq., of the Philadelphia Times, has reached our table. It is an able and brilliant production.

FOUR HUNDRED moulderers in Newark, N. J., shops have struck because their employers refused to grant them half a holiday on Saturday and pay them for the time. Of all the thin excuses for striking, that have yet been advanced, this seems to be the thinnest.

THURSDAY'S ballots for U. S. Senators, in the New York Legislative Assembly were as follows: For the short term—Potter, 53; Wheeler, 43; Conkling, 32; Lapham, 17; Rogers, 4; scattering, 4. For the long term—Kerman, 53; Depew, 51; Platt, 28; Cornell, 11; Crowley, 7; scattering, 4.

AN EXCHANGE asks this question: "Where are you going for your health?" If the inquiry is meant for us we want to say right here that we keep our health with us. We cannot afford to have our health running around the country, getting in debt for traveling expenses, and having us under the necessity of hunting it up every few months. We shall endeavor to make it stay right here and behave itself, and then we'll know where to find it when we want it.

THE SENATORIAL DEAD-LOCK at Albany remains unbroken. It is the opinion of the TRANSCRIPT that the legislature can do a good thing by adjourning and allowing a Democratic legislature to settle the business next winter. The weather is decidedly too warm to ballot for United States Senators, and, besides, just now, the country doesn't need any United States Senators particularly. She can very well worry along with the stock on hand until next winter, when New York will doubtless be ready to send to Washington a new and better brand of the Senatorial article.

JOHN GRISCOM, the Chicago astrationist, has reached the thirty-fourth day of his fast and is beginning to look a little thin and worn like. From his appearance you might infer that he had been boarding for some weeks at a first-class sea-side hotel. On Wednesday he confessed to feeling a little bit hungry for the first time since the beginning of his fast. Water is a good thing, in its way, but a man with a good substantial appetite has taken nothing else inwardly for thirty-four days, he probably feels that he could really enjoy a change without trying very hard. No doubt it is so with Griscom, and if his time were up and a plate of hash were placed before him, he doubtless wouldn't grumble a bit when his teeth came down occasionally on metal trowsers button or a hair pin.

JAMES MURROW, a well-known citizen of Philadelphia, died at his home, on South street, at an early hour of Wednesday morning, of a disease having all the symptoms of the most contagious and fatal type of Asiatic cholera. During the week Mr. Murrow had presided over the Annual Council of the American Protestant Association, at Wilmington, and on the afternoon session of that body, on Tuesday, he felt the first symptoms of the malady. He returned to Philadelphia at 6 o'clock in the evening and was taken to his home, where, after a night of great agony, he died. Dr. McLean, the family physician, and Dr. DaCosta, deemed an expert in cases of cholera, attended him, and both say the attack resembled, in every respect, a violent one of Asiatic cholera. The sudden death, coupled with a report that it had been caused by such a dread disease, caused great consternation in the neighborhood. The deceased was a Past Grand Master of Masons of Pennsylvania.

MR. DEPEW'S FRIENDS at Albany deny that gentleman has any intention of withdrawing from the Senatorial contest, and the leaders of the administration forces in the Legislature pull off their coats and express, in the strongest kind of language, their determination not to allow an adjournment until two new Senators are elected to take the place of Mr. Conkling and Little Tommy Platt. So the balloting

goes on every day, and legislators perspire, and swear, and fan, and button-hole one another, and sigh for the joys of home, sweet home; and it is highly probable that they will continue to sign yet a while longer. It has been given out that a conference between representatives of the "Stalwarts" and "Half-Breeds" was held in Albany on Wednesday, at which, Mr. Conkling's friends proposed to accept Mr. Depew for the long term, if the "Half-Breeds" would accept Mr. Conkling for the short term. According to the correspondent who is responsible for the above statement, the opponents of Conkling "refused" to listen to such an arrangement.

ABOUT COMETS.

The new comet is an object of much comment. It became visible to the naked eye during the latter part of last week, and probably reached the maximum of its brilliancy early in this week. Professor Newcomb says it is receding both from the earth and from the sun, and is moving at present at the rate of about two degrees a day. He thinks it will not have a visible tail more than a week longer. Astronomers are uncertain whether it is a new comet or a familiar one, but they are now looking carefully for a strawberry mark on its tail and may yet, before it disappears, recognize it as a long lost friend. The astronomers at the Naval Observatory at Washington maintain the opinion that it is the same comet recently observed by Dr. Gould, in Buenos Ayres, but as Dr. Gould failed to mark his comet when he discovered it, some unprincipled astronomer may succeed in getting it away from him.

It is a fine comet, whatever we say about it. It is now about one and a half miles in diameter, according to t

telescopists, and as we have time to measure it ourselves, we are willing to accept their statements. Its tail is 35,000,000 miles long, according to the same authority, and here again we are willing to take an astronomer's word for want of time to do our own measuring, though we have an opinion of our own that it is not that long by eight or ten feet. The comet is traveling now at the rate of three hundred thousand miles per day, and does not stop for refreshments. It takes its tail with it, of course, though it is a mystery to us all how it sweeps 35,000,000 miles of tail around and among so many planets and don't knock off a piece of it. But it probably knows its business, and its route is all laid out so that it doesn't have to stop and ask its neighbors for information. It is going straight through on schedule time and will not hold up at way stations. It will probably be visible for several months.

Many persons will remember the beautiful comet of 1856, which caused among some nervous people considerable consternation. It was called Donati's comet because an astronomer by the name of Donati discovered it. The comet now visible in the heavens is the most brilliant that has appeared since Donati's. Among other comets remarkable either for great splendor or enormous real dimensions, may be mentioned that known as Halley's comet, which was last visible in 1855, and before the periodicity of its return has been accurately computed, and its former visits found to be about seventy-four years apart, its reappearance may be expected during the year 1909. Make a memorandum of this and wait until 1909 and see if we are not correct. The appearance of this comet in 1456, just as the Turks had become masters of Constantinople and threatened an advance into Europe, was regarded by Christendom as a very bad omen. The Turk and the comet were fought by the young braves who are rivals for her hand. As her father owns three hundred ponies, she is considered a good catch, aside from her superior personal attractions.

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Mr. Townsend on Peaches.

MR. EDITOR.—In your last issue I send a communication from Mr. John Rutter, who put out a book on peach growing, and who contends that five southwestern counties of Pennsylvania are as suitably situated to grow peaches for profit as this Peninsula; but so far you have not addressed your attention to the Pennsylvania farmers. Is not the least consideration for great splendor or enormous real dimensions, may be mentioned that known as Halley's comet, which was last visible in 1855, and before the periodicity of its return has been accurately computed, and its former visits found to be about seventy-four years apart, its reappearance may be expected during the year 1909. Make a memorandum of this and wait until 1909 and see if we are not correct. The appearance of this comet in 1456, just as the Turks had become masters of Constantinople and threatened an advance into Europe, was regarded by Christendom as a very bad omen. The Turk and the comet were fought by the young braves who are rivals for her hand. As her father owns three hundred ponies, she is considered a good catch, aside from her superior personal attractions.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 1, 1881.

DELAWARE, E. B.—TRAINS LEAVE MIDDLETOWN,
Going North, 7:55 a.m. 11:07 a.m. 3:22 p.m.
Going South, 10:30 a.m. 2:10 p.m. 7:32 p.m.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

Town Notes.

—A lightning rod agent has appeared.—This has been a busy week with the Farmers.

Middleton is a good market for early vegetables.

The children are enjoying the vacation immensely.

—There will be preaching at Armstrong Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—The Delaware railroad passed under the control of its new masters to-day.

—Joseph S. Gibbs, Esq., of Wheeling, West Virginia, is visiting his Delaware friends.

Middleton is making more ice cream this summer than during any previous season.

—A free use of lemons during the warm season will frequently ward off bilious attacks.

—The time has arrived when the law requires you to put a new stamp on your town dog.

—Craddock will run a stage to connect with the "Clio" excursion from Odessa, on the Fourth.

—Members of Irving Lyceum will probably give a dramatic entertainment early in the fall.

—Personal intelligence: The bald-headed editor will rusticate for a few days at Fenimore's mill pond.

—Rev. W. L. S. Murray returned home to-day from a visit to his father, who resides at Seville, Del.

—We will send the TRANSCRIPT one year free to the first Middleton man or woman who shoots a burglar.

—Cousins are arriving in our midst in search of a little country air and an apostate. They are finding it here.

—Bayard Institute, Miss Tighman's popular school for young ladies, will open for the fall session on Sept. 25th.

—The Methodist people expect to have a very large excursion to the Zoological Garden, Philadelphia, on the 29th.

—Mrs. A. Grubb, Miss Emma Jones and J. H. Emerson have gone to Ocean Grove to remain during the season.

—Mr. A. Cochran, after another season's cold that kept him to his room for several days, is able to be about again.

—Mrs. H. N. Willis, Mrs. A. B. Derrickson and Miss Anna Derrickson left Middle- town yesterday for Asbury Park, N. J.

—Rev. W. C. Alexander attended the Commencement at Lafayette College, Easton, Pa., this week. He returned home yesterday.

Governor Hall has appointed Charles E. Anderson, of this town, Commissary, with the rank of Colonel, of the State Militia.

G. W. Price has gone to Rehoboth to remain during the season. He will furnish music for the dances at the Bright House.

The comet has been an object of general observation this week. Some of the young people say it is the more brilliant after mid-night.

The annual catalogue of the Agricultural Association has been unavoidably delayed a little, but will be ready for mailing at an early date.

—Services at Old St. Anne's last Sunday morning brought out a large congregation. Rev. W. G. W. Lewis, the Rector, preached an able sermon.

—David Peacock, Ensign, U. S. Navy, son of Samuel Peacock, of the Middle- town Hotel, is now at home awaiting orders. He was last on the steamer "Quimby."

—A number of our people are going to Porteque on the "Clio" excursion, Monday. It will be necessary to make an early start, as the boat leaves Odessa at four.

—Some of our young men say the front gate is an excellent point from which to view the new comet. And even there we notice they usually have to leave some to help them view it.

—Samuel Townsend is the first to bring in a twig bearing a peach, from a tree growing in the vicinity of Middle- town. It is from a limb that lay under the snow during the cold wave.

Jake Emerson upholstered a sofa this week that is said to be one hundred and twenty-five years old. It was the property of General Forman, and now belongs to Geo. H. Hessey, of Sassafras Neck, Md.

We have received a note from Dr. Bradshaw, physician to Congress Hall, Haddonfield, N. J., stating that he is at his old post. He is the only Ocean City physician we ever allow to prescribe for us. We don't charge him a cent for this testimonial.

We learn that very liberal subscriptions have already been made for the Forest Church improvement. More than half the amount needed (\$6,000) was subscribed after the morning services, Sunday last. The work will probably soon be completed.

Following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Middle- town, Del., for the week ending, July 1st, 1881: John A. Faulkner, three; Z. T. Guthrie, Geo. Schockley, Miss Mary Wilson. Persons calling for the above will please say to whom they are addressed. D. L. Dunning, P. M.

Those who have interviewed mosquitoes, "down by the sea," this season, say the specimens are the finest they have ever seen. Some of the Rehoboth mosquitoes are reported to be wearing bands and a polonaise, cut blue. One of them can't all the blood out of a city girl at one sitting.

A number of our people have fled away to the summer resorts and others are getting ready to go. Middle- town is a pretty good summer resort itself, we think, and one can have more fun and fewer mosquitoes, and at less cost, than at many of the "resorts" rejoicing in "all the luxuries of the season."

The present harvest is a trying one on self-binders, and we learn that many persons have been unable to use them on account of fallen wheat. Farmers probably never had a harvest that tried their patience more, for there has been storm after storm, and the grain in many fields looked just about as flat before it was cut as after-wards.

Middle- town will have no fire-works, no Declaration of Independence, and we hope, no black eyes on the Fourth. All will be peaceful and quiet. Some of our people will excursion to Tuckerton, others to Collins' Beach, Bombay Hook, or Porteque, and still others will go to Dover to see the trotting. Let us give thanks in advance that we have no old rusty cannon to blow somebody's arm off.

County.

Farmers complain that hands are scarce.

D. T. Hawkins, a well-known resident of Wilmington, died of small-pox, at his home on Saturday.

The business section of Wilmington, at many points, smells decidedly unhealthy just at this time.

Blackbird camp meeting will commence on the 27th of July, and end on the 5th of August. On the morning of July 2d a meeting will be held for selecting ten sites.

Prothonotary Maxwell has the typhoid fever and several other county officials are sick. Some lay it to a defective sewer in the new court house, and the Levy Court has taken steps to have it ventilated.

At a meeting of the Levy Court, on Tuesday, the County Treasurer was authorized to borrow \$100,000 at a rate of interest not exceeding five per cent, for the purpose of funding the county's floating debt.

The July schedule of the steamer "Clio" will be found in this issue of the TRANSCRIPT. The boat is carrying good freight, and Odessa does not know how she ever got along without a steamboat so many years.

The body of an unknown man was found on the railroad track, at Wilmington, Monday morning. His head was crushed and his body and limbs cut and mangled. It is supposed that he went to sleep on the track and was run over by a train.

Four capital cases will come before the next term of our county court, as follows: The Neal case, the Carberry homicide, the case of the negro Carpenter, who was committed for suspected complicity in the death of a colored girl; and the Holly Inn murder case.

Jimmy Hope, one of the burglars who attempted to rob the Bank of Delaware in 1872, and who, together with his associates Big Frank, Hurlburt and Lawlor, were tried, convicted, whipped and imprisoned at New Castle, and subsequently broke out and escaped, was arrested in San Francisco, while attempting to rob a bank, on Monday night.

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